IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

TRITON IP, LLC,	
v.	6:07-cv-00067-LED
SAGE GROUP, PLC, et al.	JURY

PLAINTIFF'S ANSWER TO COUNTERCLAIMS OF SAS INSTITUTE

Plaintiff Triton IP, LLC ("Triton") answers by paragraph the counterclaims of Defendant SAS Institute, Inc. ("SAS") as follows:

- 38. Admitted.
- 39. Admitted.
- 40. Triton admits that SAS has purported to file declaratory counterclaims arising under the Patent Act, and that this Court has jurisdiction over any properly pled counterclaims. Triton denies the merits of such counterclaims, and otherwise denies any remaining allegations in this paragraph.
- 41. Triton admits that it has consented to the venue of this Court, and that venue is proper over any properly pled counterclaims, but Triton denies the merits of such counterclaims. In addition, to the extent necessary, Triton denies any remaining allegations in this paragraph.
- 42. Triton admits to being the owner by assignment of the '525 patent. Triton admits to the filing and issuance dates on the face of the '525 patent. Triton admits to the inventors on the face of the '525 patent.
- 43. Paragraph 43 of the Counterclaim purports that it "realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-45 above as if fully set forth herein." This allegation is improper, and is neither subject to being admitted or denied. Subject to the

foregoing, Triton denies the merits of the defenses and affirmative defenses set forth in SAS's answer/counterclaim, and Triton disputes SAS's denials including relative to infringement, validity and damages.

- 44. As Triton has asserted infringement of the '525 patent and SAS purports to deny it, Triton admits that a dispute exists between SAS and Triton with respect to infringement of the '525 patent. Triton denies that it has wrongfully asserted the '525 patent against SAS, or that Triton has caused any wrongful injury or damage to SAS. In addition, to the extent necessary, Triton denies any remaining allegations in this paragraph.
 - 45. Denied.
- 46. Triton admits this is an exceptional case, but only as it relates to Triton's entitlement to fees under 35 USC 285. Triton denies this is an exceptional case entitling SAS to an award of fees.
- 47. Paragraph 47 of the Counterclaim purports that it "realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-49 above as if fully set forth herein." This allegation is improper, and is neither subject to being admitted or denied. Subject to the foregoing, Triton denies the merits of the defenses and affirmative defenses set forth in SAS's answer/counterclaim, and Triton disputes SAS's denials including relative to infringement, validity and damages.
- 48. As Triton has asserted validity of the '525 patent and SAS purports to deny it, Triton admits that a dispute exists between SAS and Triton with respect to validity of the '525 patent. Triton denies that it has wrongfully asserted the '525 patent against SAS, or that Triton has caused any wrongful injury or damage to SAS. In addition, to the extent necessary, Triton denies any remaining allegations in this paragraph.

49. Denied.

50. Triton admits this is an exceptional case, but only as it relates to Triton's

entitlement to fees under 35 USC 285. Triton denies this is an exceptional case entitling SAS to

an award of fees.

51. To the extent necessary, Triton denies the allegations in SAS's prayer for relief.

52. To the extent necessary, Triton re-alleges infringement, validity and damages, and

denies any allegations in the counterclaim adverse to same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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